



# Booster Basics



*(It is best for children to use a harness for as long as possible!)*

## When Do I Move My Child To A Booster Seat?

- Child has reached the top weight or height requirements for their forward facing seat
- Child's shoulders are above the top harness slots in their forward facing seat
- Child's ears have reached the top of their forward facing seat
- Child can sit properly with seat belt (no harness)



Shoulder belt is too close to neck

Lap belt is across stomach



Shoulder belt should be across middle of chest and between shoulder and neck

Lap belt should be across upper thighs

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## When Is My Child Old Enough To Ride Without A Booster Seat?

A child can ride safely without a booster when they pass the 5-step test:

# SEAT BELT FIT TEST

A child can ride safely without a booster seat when you can say YES to all 5

To ride safely, most kids need a booster seat until age 10-12. REMEMBER, if you're under 57" (4'9") tall, you need to ride in a booster seat!



<p><b>1</b></p>  <p>Back against the vehicle seat</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>  <p>Knees bend at edge of seat</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>  <p>Lap belt on tops of thighs, not on belly</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>  <p>Shoulder belt between neck and shoulder</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>  <p>Sits properly. No slouching, no playing with seat belt, etc.</p>
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**\*\*Most kids are between 10 - 12 years old before they pass\*\***

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